

The British Columbian.

NEW WESTMINSTER, SATURDAY, JULY 5.

THE COLONIAL HOTEL BILLIARD SALOON.—According to announcement, in our last, this establishment was opened on Thursday evening in splendid style by a "freight," including Champagne and the free use of the tables. Quite a number of gentlemen availed themselves of the hospitality of the gentlemanly proprietors, and between ten and eleven o'clock the scene presented in the main saloon was fraught with splendor and enjoyment.

The Billiard Saloon is 27 x 70 feet with 17 foot ceiling and three large skylights. It is furnished with 15 crystal lamps, three first-class Billiard tables, with Pheasant's combination cushions, a Roulette-table and everything to match. Off the main saloon is a large hall, divided by folding doors, so as to be readily converted into a roomy and commodious dining hall for a large party, in front of which is a snug little shop suited for a retail business. In the rear, and separated from the main building by a narrow court, is a complete set of wash rooms, closets, &c., &c. This establishment has been fitted up in the very best style, at a cost of \$6000 in round figures, and is, we believe, superior to anything on the British Pacific, and will compare favorably with kindred establishments in California. We have no doubt the Messrs. Greeley will receive that patronage their enterprise entitles them to.

STRAWBERRIES.—Returning to our "sanctum" the other day we were most agreeably surprised to find on "our table" a mass of fine Strawberries as we remember having seen, accompanied with those delicious associations, cream and sugar. They were certainly quite equal to anything we have seen in California as regards size, and superior in flavor. Upon enquiry we learned that they were indebted to Capt. Spalding, of this city, for the delicate attention. Capt. Spalding has been most successful in the culture of strawberries, in common with garden stuff generally, this season.

YESTERDAY, being the anniversary of the American independence, was celebrated in a moderate way by our American friends in this city. The morning slumbers of the inhabitants were disturbed by Mr. J. T. Scott's big guns, belching forth a hearty greeting to the day. A salute was also fired at noon and in the evening. Towards evening quite a variety of sports were introduced, such as foot-races, sack-races, and jumping; but perhaps the most amusing item in the day's programme was catching a pig by the tail, which had previously been shaved and greased. The shipping presented a gay appearance, with numerous flags and streamers fluttering in the breeze.

Two Bodies were found in the woods, a short distance below the city, on Thursday last. They proved to be the two Haida Indians who were taken with small-pox two or three weeks ago, and disappeared somewhat mysteriously. One of the bodies was lying at the side of a small rivulet, as though the poor fellow had made his way to the water to quench his thirst. The other lay at the root of a tree near by.

MURDER FOR THE DOUGLAS.—The Ste. Douglas went through to Yale on the 3d inst., carrying 25 tons of freight and a number of passengers. She returned yesterday, bringing \$40,000 in treasure. This is the first trip through since high water.

CONGRATULATORY.—We have pleasure in congratulating our enterprising contemporary of the Colonist on the receipt of a power press, and have no doubt the result will amply justify this stride in advance. We say "two" propose to enlarge (?) our paper to one-third its present dimensions!

THANKS TO MR. W. F. HERRE, News Agent, Victoria, V. I., for a supply of English and U. S. papers. We have also to acknowledge sundry favors from Ballou & Co.'s Express.

IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS.—We are indebted to the politeness of the Collector for the following statement of animals imported into the Colony during the months of April, May and June, which will be interesting to our readers:

Horses and Mules, 3484; Oxen, 162; Asses, 1; Camels, 21; Beef Cattle, 1189; Sheep, 638; Bulls, 9; Cows, 280; Calves, 44; Hogs, 26. Total, 5,754.

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Sir,—Being mindful of my promise I take this opportunity of forwarding a few hurried lines and should you think them of interest to your readers, you may make what use you like of any or all of them. I suppose I must say something about my journey, so far, as it may be of service to the immigrants who purpose following. From what I can hear of the Douglas Route, I would advise all pedestrians to come that way; it is spoken of, as a pleasure trip, whereas the Fort Yale Route is thought and spoken of with a mixed feeling of the "blues"—with all the hard appellations that ingenuity can devise to express a vivid recollection of "Jackass mountains" and his associations. "Jackass"—that's a pretty name for a man to think of when he feels himself a bit of a donkey trotting over it. Trotting, did I say? I forgot myself; climbing's the word.

The scenery amply repaid me for my arduous task; it is wild in the extreme—romantic beyond description. The snow-clad peaks seemed to kiss the heavens in mocking glee, as if rejoicing in their supremacy, whilst the lower heights veiled their frowning brows in fleecy mist and clothed their rugged breast with a forest of opaque foliage lest the erratic eye of man should discover their virgin chastity and verdant beauties, and appropriate them to his requirements; it may be to achieve glorious victories, to win unfading laurels by saturating their untrodden summits in the blood of heroes,

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For pack animals the Yale route is the most economical, and in the full it will probably be the better route for all parties, seeing that T. Spence, is rapidly progressing with the wagon road. C. Oppenheimer is pushing ahead with the road from Lytton to Cariboo, and is giving employment at \$40 per month to all who seek it. With little labour a stage coach road could be opened up to this spot by the fall. Lytton to Williams Lake can certainly boast of as good a natural road as I ever travelled; no hills of any consequence, at least none but what a coach road could soon be cut round at a trifling expenditure intercept your path. Grass and water is abundant, and most of the Creeks are passable without bridges. There is a want of accommodation houses or stores between McLean's (30 miles from Thompson Ferry) and this place. In Victoria I was informed there were houses every ten miles. It is not so. There is a new built log hut two miles past the "mound," twenty-two from McLean's, but what of that? There is no one in it—not a soul. Eleven miles farther is another apparently deserted domicile. That too was taking care of itself, left in charge of a padlock. Now if you are hungry you naturally make the best of your way for Green Lake, and about one mile past you strike another fall of emptiness; a log hut locked up for some unknown proprietor, for he would be a clever fellow who stole anything out of that crib. Here then is a fine show for a hungry traveller who is ready to masticate ten-penny nails. All you can do is to make the acquaintance of a packer or smite your stomach, and say as Paddy did "Och, me darlin' cruther, it's only a thrilling holiday I'm after givin' ye—all for yer own good and the baste whate's carrying ye."

Bridge Creek is your next point, twenty-two miles, nineteen of which is through a dense flat forest of sappling pine. At the bridge you can dispense with stomach holidays—the very essence of bitters I think—and indulge in fat bacon, Abernethy's pills, and other vegetable matter. After you leave the bridge you are all right. I have no time to particularize or to give a descriptive account of my journey, and will only add that I left Fort Yale on 13th May, reached Lytton in four days. Here I purchased a horse, and loading him with provisions, started with a couple of friends on the 21st en route for Cariboo. On reaching the Thompson Ferry cable was broken; there was nothing left for us but to swim the horses and float the packs over in canoes. The current was 8 knots an hour; down we dashed like a Lucifer match-box, twisting about in all directions, myself kneeling in the canoe half full of water, holding on to two horses like grim death. This was excitement if you like; decidedly a new kind of travelling to me, as indeed the whole journey has been. Easy sleeping out at nights, living on bacon and beans, cooking your own grub, and carrying dirty pots and dishes; however I have enjoyed it, and have walked every step of the road. The mosquitoes form the worst feature, they are worse than awful; let no one think of starting without a good mosquito netting. The weather was beautiful, though the mornings were frosty—hazy very hot—little or no rain. The only trouble I had was the loss of our horses three days; I must tell you of this some other time; you would have laughed to have seen myself and friend trying to catch them; they got quite wild in that short time. I dodged one behind a tree and grabbed his tail; he kicked and I pulled, galloped and I ran, but it was no go, I hung on like a leech, he was fast and sure; so was I sometime afterward, it was not without its effect on my respiratory organs.

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day he was insensible. A few minutes before he expired he looked at me as I leaned over him in the tent, and in answer to a few encouraging words he muttered indistinctly "my wife and family." I repeated his words, when he said "yes." He turned his head round, and at half past four death released the unfortunate and lonely sufferer, leaving a wife and six children to mourn his loss. Deceased was the Rev. John Gibson, about 45 years of age, a Wesleyan minister for 20 years. He was from the Township of Norwich, County of Oxford, Canada West. On Sunday morning we buried him in a rude but strong coffin, on a small mound in sight of the town. The funeral service was read by a gentleman who kindly volunteered. The ceremony was affecting—the morning appropriately dull. Some 40 persons attended. A log fence was immediately erected around the grave.

I will write you again from Antler. Yours faithfully,

PROF. L. BUSHNELL.

Williams Lake, June 16th, 1862.

—This is truly a sad narrative; but Professor Bushnell is slightly mistaken about the clerical position of Mr. Gibson. We believe he was never connected with the Wesleyan church, but was for some time a minister of an offshoot of Wesleyanism, and of more than ordinary ability. Some years ago, however, he yielded to the baneful influence of intemperance, and was deposed for drunkenness. And, although for some time prior to leaving for this country he professed and appeared to be somewhat reformed, it would seem after leaving the restraints of home and friends he gave way in a measure to his old appetite, which may account for the young doctor's treatment. We have learned from others, however, as well as Professor Bushnell, that strong drink was not the immediate cause of his death. Let him that readeth consider and take warning!—Ed.]

New Advertisements.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undermentioned Lots, in the City of New Westminster, will be offered for sale at Public Auction, in the Court House, On Tuesday, the 29th of July next.

SALE TO COMMENCE AT 12 O'CLOCK.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

Upset Price of each Lot, £20.

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25 per cent. of the purchase money to be paid on the knock of the hammer. The balance of 75 per cent. to be paid into the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in three separate instalments of 25 per cent. each, on or before the 29th of August, 29th September, and 29th October next, respectively. In default of any of the said payments, the Lot will positively be forfeited to the Government, together with any monies which may have been paid in respect thereof.

Block I. Lots 1, 5, 9, 13, 17.
" VII. " 6.
" VIII. " 4, 5, 6, 7.
" IX. " 2, 4, 5.
" XI. " 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 20.
" XII. " 4.
" XIX. " 13, 14, 16.
" XXI. " 1, 3.
" XXII. " 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 15, 18, 24, 28.
" XXIII. " 1, 3, 6, 11, 15, 18, 22, 24, 7, 10.
" XXIV. " 3, 5, 10.
" XXVIII. " 6, 11, 17, 18, 20, 22.
" XXIX. " 1, 3, 11.
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A Plan, showing the position of the Lots for sale, is to be seen at Mr. Tilley's Book Store, Columbia street. Any further required information and particulars to be obtained by application at this Office, between the hours of 10 and 12 A. M.

R. C. MOODY, Col. R. E., and Chief Commissioner.

Lands and Works Department, 26th June, 1862, je28

W. GRIEVE,

Tailor and Clothier,

In Mason's Building, Columbia Street.

ALL ORDERS entrusted to his care promptly attended to, and work finished in the latest style. je25

Take Notice.

BY THE DECEASE OF WILLIAM SMITH, of the firm of Smith & White, of Boston Bar, the partnership is dissolved. Any debts contracted by said firm must be presented on or before the 1st July next, to the undersigned, at Boston Bar, otherwise the Trustees will not take any notice of presentations of bills after that date.

Boston Bar, 1st June, 1862. je14

H. D. CONN

HAS pleasure in informing his numerous customers, and the public generally, that, having removed to his new stand on Columbia-street, opposite the Royal Mint, he is prepared to execute, with neatness and dispatch, orders in making and renovating Clothing of every description. Buckskin Garments, plain and trimmed, constantly on hand, or made to order.

In addition to the Clothing department he keeps Fruits, Nuts, Candies, &c.

New Westminster, June 13, 1862. je14

Notice.

IS hereby given, that by Deed, dated the eleventh day of June, 1862, Benjamin Frederick Moore and Joseph M. Bryant, of New Westminster, British Columbia, and their heirs, assigns, conveyed all their Estate and Effects unto John McAdoo Work, of Victoria; Vancouver Island, Trader, and Henry Holbrook, of New Westminster, Merchants, Trustees on behalf, and for the benefit of all the creditors of the said Benjamin Frederick Moore and Joseph M. Bryant, who should assent to the said conveyance, and that the said deed was executed by the said parties, in the presence of Andie & Hestie, by Robert S. Bishop, of Government Street, Victoria, Solicitor, and the same now lies at the office of Mr. W. Tyrrill Drake, Solicitor, Government Street, for the signatures of creditors.

Dated 12th June, 1862. je18

Victoria Advertisements.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

ESTABLISHED IN 1836.

Incorporated by Royal Charter in 1840.

CAPITAL \$5,000,000.

Victoria Branch.

SPECIAL DEPOSITS RECEIVED, at a charge for safe keeping of 25 cents per \$100 per month, repayable on demand.

GOLD DUST RECEIVED for safe-keeping at the rate of 5 cents per oz. per month.

DRAFTS ISSUED ON LONDON at 60 days' sight, at the rate of \$4 95 per £1 sterling.

Do. for small sums, payable 3 days after sight, at \$5 10 per £1 sterling.

Drafts on demand issued on the Provincial Bank of Ireland and the National Bank of Scotland on all Towns where these Banks have Offices. Rate, \$5 15 per £1 sterling.

Drafts on New York and the principal cities in the North American Provinces are issued at 3 days' sight, at the following rates:

New York 3 per cent. prem.
Canada " " "
New Brunswick " " "
Nova Scotia " " "
Drafts issued on Messrs. B. Davidson & May, San Francisco.

On Bills lodged for collection, if payable in Victoria, a commission of 1 per cent.

Bills of Exchange purchased and ordinary Banking business transacted.

J. G. SHEPHERD, Manager, m28 3m

Victoria, 19th May, 1862.

HENRY NATHAN

Offers for Sale in Lots to suit,

EX "SPEEDY,"

FROM LONDON.

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DRAPEY.

Embroidered Sets, Irish Cambric Handkerchiefs, Chenille Nets, Head Dresses, Black Maltese Falls, &c., Embroidered Handkerchiefs, Alpacaes, Flannels, Ladies' Boots, Skirts, Parasols, &c. &c.

HOSIERY.

Lambs-wool Vests, Merino do. Merino do. Merino & Lambswool Pants, Fancy Flannel Shirts, White Shirts in great variety, &c. &c.

Oilman's Stores.

Sardines in 1/2 boxes, Pickles, pts & qts, Peas, Mustard, &c. &c. Raisins, &c.

Clothing.

SUITS—Tweed and Doeskin, PANTS—Peterhams, &c. COATS—Alpacaes, White Linen, and Black Frock, CAPS—Wool and Balmoral, HATS—Panama, Leghorn, and Felt, NECK-TIES assorted, UMBRELLAS—Various qualities.

ENAMELED FRYING PANS, SAUCE PANS, &c.

Liquors.

Ale, pts and qts, I. F. Porter, quarts, Brandy, Pale and Dark, Rum, 20 O. P.

Boots and Shoes.

Men's Wellington, long & short, Do. Bluchers, Ladies' Cloth, Do. Balmoral, Children's Assorted.

Sundries.

Pole Glasses, Fine Try Looking Glasses, Dress Buttons, Flexible, Ivory, Metal Buttons, Sewing Silks, Cottons, Thread, &c., Berlin Wool.

Groceries.

BACON, FLOUR, CANDLES—ADAMANTINE and Paraffine, Oysters, H. B. Chicken—Kemp's Turkey, Syrup E. B. Coffee Rio, Old Blagov, Cus Meats, Lord J. H. Cheese, Lobsters, Green Corn, Tea—Oolong, Tobacco, Pic Fruits—American and English, Pickles—Pis. and Qus, Mustard—1/2 lb. and 1-lb bottles, Sauces, Green Peas—French, Salt—in jars and bags, Corn Starch, Currie Powder—in 1-lb., 1/2-lb. and 1-lb. pots., Rice, Sugar, Biscuits, Starch, &c., &c.

Henry Nathan.

No. 2, Wharf-st., opposite H. B. Co.'s wharf.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore carried on by us under the style of CHAS. OPPENHEIMER & CO., in British Columbia, is dissolved from this day. All debts due to the late firm are to be paid to ISAIAH and DAVID OPPENHEIMER, carrying on business as Oppenheimer & Co., by whom all demands against the late Partnership will be liquidated.

Fort Yale, June 18, 1862. je28 1m

New Boot and Shoe Shop

MART STREET, OPPOSITE THE TREASURY, Boots and Shoes made and repaired.

New Westminster Feb. 1862. je12-1m

W. WOODMAN.

NOTICE.

Wagon Road between Chapman's Bar and Boston Bar.

WORK WILL BE COMMENCED ON THIS ROAD IMMEDIATELY.

250 MEN

May find employment by applying on the work to

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

New Westminster, May 19, 1862. my21 6t

New Advertisements.

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM. GEORGE R. ASHWELL.

NEW

Furniture and Stove

Emporium.

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THE SUBSCRIBERS would announce to the inhabitants of New Westminster, and British Columbia generally, that they have opened a

Furniture and Stove Warehouse

in Philip Hicks' Building, Lytton Square, and having made arrangements for

DIRECT IMPORTATION

—FROM THE—

BEST MARKETS,

are prepared to sell all articles in their line at the

LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

Orders are respectfully invited from all parts of the Colony, and will receive prompt and careful attention.

CUNNINGHAM & ASHWELL.

New Westminster, April 9th, 1862. ap10

THE ELDORADO HOTEL,

LYTTON,

Is kept by CAPT. PETERSON.</

